Jenkins says events conflict with values

Notre Dame shouldn’t sponsor ‘Monologues,’ president believes

By MARY KATE MALONE

University President Father John Jenkins delivered a firm yet open-ended statement to faculty Monday about the interaction of academic freedom and Catholic character. Calling Notre Dame, calling the University’s sponsorship of events inconsistent with Catholic teaching “problematic,” while asking for continued dialogue before he announces a formal policy.

Jenkins said events sponsored by the University or one of its units, including academic departments, that are deemed to conflict or appear to conflict with Catholic values “should not be allowed at Notre Dame,” making clear his opposition to the sexually explicit anti-violence play “The Vagina Monologues.” Monday’s speech was the first of three addresses the first-year University president scheduled for this week aimed at soliciting feedback from faculty, students and alumni about striking the correct balance between academic freedom and Catholic identity.

“While any restriction on expression must be relevant and restrained, I believe that, in some situations, given the division at times between faculty and aspirations of Notre Dame, it may be necessary to establish certain boundaries, while defending the appropriate exercise of academic freedom,” Jenkins said.

Passing only for brief sips of water during the 50-minute speech to a nearly full DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, Jenkins was steady and straightforward as he spoke candidly about the campus presence of “The Vagina Monologues” and the Queer Film Festival — events entering their third and fifth years at Notre Dame, respectively — in the context of academic freedom.

Rather than issuing a firm policy, Jenkins discussed his convictions and then encouraged feedback from faculty. He later declined to provide a

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Faculty angry, pleased with first of academic freedom addresses

By AMANDA MICHAELS

Furiously scratching down notes, leaning over to confer with each other quietly with a neighbor, murmuring with approval or dissent — all things considered, the crowd of faculty members gathered to hear University President Father John Jenkins speak Monday night looked the part of the students they normally pre­side over.

But this was not the typical class lecture, as several of the listeners were there to respond to the president with high praise and fiery critiques.

Encouraged to add their voices to the “conversation” about the speech, many mentioned both the Catholic character of Notre Dame and the academic freedom necessity cultivate a healthy University environment, faculty took advantage of the post-speech formal question-and-answer session as well as time set aside for more personal discussion during the post-address reception to raise concerns about the more controversial elements of Jenkins’ speech.

“Sexuality” was the watchword of the evening, with “The Vagina Monologues” — an explicit play that’s been a point of debate since its arrival on campus four years ago — taking the prominent place in discussion after Jenkins’ assertion that he didn’t think the play should be performed at Notre Dame.

Margot O’Brien, an associate

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members hope in on community relations

By KATIE PERRY

Student leaders emphasized the importance of regarding the University’s stressed relationship with the community at a Council of Representatives (COR) meeting Monday, where they discussed a resolution to amend the South Bend Public Notice ordinance and recent break-ins occurring off-campus housing.

Community Relations chair Nick Guzman said the issue of his committee’s namesake has

raised in the eyes of many students” due to the passing of the July 25, 2005 ordinance as well as the repeated break-ins in past weeks.

“Students don’t see [the South Bend community] as being part of their lives, but [these instances] are showing it,” Guzman said.

A resolution to tweak the ordinance was passed unanimously within Student Senate on Nov. 20. It both recognizes the concerns of the South Bend community regarding

Donors flood University phones

Hundreds of concerned ND benefactors make calls, express anxiety

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN

On the first business day after Notre Dame announced a Development Office server security breach, the University received hundreds of phone calls about the incident. University vice president of Public Affairs and Communication Hilary Crnkovich said Monday.

Many of the calls on Monday were to confirm that the incident did actually happen, Crnkovich said.

Meanwhile, investigation of how exactly the server was hacked into continued Monday.

“I don’t think our forensic experts have had an opportunity to do full-circle analysis,” Crnkovich said Monday afternoon. “That’s still ongoing, so we probably need a little more time there. I would give them a little bit more time to do their due diligence.”

Crnkovich said that between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday, about 200 people called the full-time help desk set up by the University to facilitate concerns about the breach. Most, she said, were calling to make sure the e-mail they received from the University was not fake.

“The calls are going well,” Crnkovich said. “The bulk of them this morning, interestingly enough, were people confirming that it was real and that it wasn’t a hoax. It’s been pretty positive so far. So we hope it stays that way.”

She also said that the University had not had any con­vincingly negative phone calls from donors who are upset to the point of threat­ening not to donate to the University as a result of this security breach.

“To the best of my knowledge, we have had no real
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81 and (far from) done

There's nothing wrong with 81. Kobe's performance Sunday night was a bold statement, not just that he deserves to be the MVP of the NBA, but that the Kobe Bryant of old is gone for good and it doesn't matter whether you like it or not. And that's precisely why he won't get the credit he deserves, he's not the old Kobe, and he's just not very likeable.

He came into the league an introverted 17-year-old who spoke fluent Italian and showed flashes of brilliance, making his first All-Star team just two years later and later winning three championships for the Lakers. But times change. Bitter feuds with Shaq and Phil eventually sent both O'Neal and the coach packing, and just when the questions about his inability to be a team player were at their peak, the Eagle, Colo., sex scandal surfaced. After that, tepid apologists to his wife on national television failed to restore his perfect image, he never did.

LeBron James has usurped the title of "the next Michael Jordan," as well as the endorsement deals with Nike, Sprite and Upper Deck. Kobe is no longer the NBA's favorite son, but he has embraced his new image, showing up to camp this year with some personal grudges, let go of those old associations, and dropped "I don't like you either. He's selfish," "he's a chip on his shoulder, but he's playing like no one has in years. It doesn't matter if you like Kobe, he probably doesn't like you either. It doesn't matter that he's no longer the angelic Kobe of old. This Kobe is new, improved and deserving of recognition. So, put aside your personal grudges, let go of those old memories of a baby-faced Kobe hawking Big Macs. It's best to just wonder what the rest of the Lakers are doing: sit back, relax, and enjoy.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 23 edition of The Observer, an article incorrectly said the anthropology department would not be offering the course "Cultural Difference and Social Change" due to lack of teaching interest. The department does have interest from professors and plans to offer the course in the fall.

IN BRIEF

University President Father John Jenkins will be giving his Academic Freedom and Catholic Character address and discussion for students today at 12:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.

There will be a blood drive today from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in Rolfs Sports RecCenter.

The band Nice Save! will be performing live at Corby's on Friday at 10:30 p.m.

"Poets as Pintores: Artists Conversing with Verse" art exhibit will open Friday, Jan. 27 in Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's College.

Welsh Family Hall Dance Show presents: "Game Faces" this Friday, Jan. 27 and Saturday, Jan. 28 at Washington Hall. Tickets are $4 and can be purchased at LaFortune Box Office or at the door. Profits benefit Hannah and Friends.

Author Kirsten Sandburg Lautens will give a reading from her debut book of collection of stories, This Life She's Chosen, on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in South Dining Hall's Hospitality Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Three panelists will address the question: "Iraq: What now?" in a discussion at 4:15 p.m. Jan. 31 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu

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OFFBEAT

Lassie reportedly helps rescue farmer, 90

SYDNEY, Australia — In a case of life imitating fiction, a 13-month-old castle dog named "Lassie" helped to rescue its injured master after he fell from a horse in eastern Australia, a media report said Tuesday.

George Crowther, a 90-year-old farmer from Queensland state, broke his pelvis when he was pitched from a bucking horse and his foot became caught in the reins, the Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported.

Crowther's dog, Lassie, came to the rescue, snuggling in next to Crowther to keep him warm. When darkness fell, Crowther's wife came searching in the woods with a flashlight, but couldn't hear his feeble cries.

"The dog ran to her and she said 'Where's George?'" Crowther said. "And Lassie toddled off, leading my wife to where I was. And the rest, of course, is history.

City offers new computers for old guns

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans are being invited to exchange their weapons for computers under a quirky new idea to curb rampant crime in Mexico City.

Authorities in one of the city's 16 districts are offering a new computer, out of 150 donated by a charitable foundation, for each gun handed in.

"People often have a gun at home, which could perhaps be for self-defense, but sadly it becomes a family tragedy when it is not used properly," said Guadalupe Lopez, local government head for the central district of Alvaro Obregon.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE SECURITY BREACH?

Tamar LeVan senior McClain

"It's something to be concerned about. It makes you wonder you're safeguarding information."

Theresa Keeley sophomore PE

"No, I think my information is safe."

Donny Tillosten junior Stanford

"I'm not making enough money to be donating, so I'm not worried."

Kilein Aland junior off-campus

"No, my wireless network's name is Black Mamba, and he'll roundhouse kick anyone who tries to hack in."

Corey Arvin freshman Morrissey

"No, because I haven't donated."

Saint Mary's President Carol Mooney shares slides and memories of her trip to LeMans. Europe in June of last summer as part of the College's first day of Heritage Week, which began Monday, Mooney joined an international group of 42 Holy Cross religious and five lay people to learn the history and visit the birthplace of the Holy Cross order.
Catholic Think Tank lecture series set to begin

Student government goal actualized; U.S. circuit judge to discuss religion in the judiciary

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

After student government’s long struggle to launch the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series, the program’s first speaker will cement Notre Dame’s reputation as a forum for Catholic thought today.

The series, intended to bring direct discussion to students about religious and spiritual issues and their relation to practical areas of life, will feature prominent Catholics from across the faith’s spectrum—as well as some non-Catholics—discussing aspects of spiritual life.

Honorable William Pryor, Jr., a U.S. Circuit Court Judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, will give the inaugural lecture at 4 p.m. today for the Federalist Society at the Notre Dame Law School. He will speak again to the greater Notre Dame community at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Pryor’s lecture will focus on the role of religion in the judiciary, which has become a greater issue with the recent nominations of Judges John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court.

The second speaker in the series is the Most Reverend Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, Mich. He will speak Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium, focusing on Catholicism and war.

The Catholic Think Tank of America originated last year during the campaign of student body president Dave Baron and vice president Lizzi Shappell. While the program has grown slowly, Chief Executive Assistant for Student Government Elizabeth Kozlow said one of the first challenges student government faced was finding those suitable speakers.

“Looking at speakers, we thought of issues that are relevant and timely for the discussion,” Kozlow said. “Judge Pryor and Bishop Gumbleton both possess a unique perspective on separate issues that will significantly add to each discussion.”

Kozlow also said student government hopes the speakers it chose will raise awareness about their respective issues and spark further debate on campus.

While programming is not considered to be the main focus of student government, Kozlow said this project is unique and extremely beneficial to students, as it requires students to relate to scholarly and significant topics outside the classroom.

“Discussing these issues and bringing in important speakers to campus has been extremely rewarding,” she said. “Aspects of spiritual life that unite all of us have shown how important this debate is for students.”

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Townhall Meeting

A Call for Your Voice:
The Responsibility of Every Man and Woman

Moderated by Dr. Anthony Burrow, Department of Psychology, and Ms. Reanna Urain, Departments of English and Africana Studies

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hammes Student Lounge, Coleman Morse Center

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persuasively negative con­
frontations,” Crnkovich said.

On Monday, the University had an estimate of how many donors were affected, but that information will not be released to the public, according to Crnkovich.

“We do have a count of those affected, but we’re going to keep it confidential,” she said. “Whenever an indi­
vidual, even one individual, could be affected by some­
thing, the number of people who could have been affected isn’t really part of the overall story. If one person’s affected, that’s all that really matters. And the numbers aren’t really of any use to anyone.”

The University has also trained individuals to address concerns posed by donors whose information may have been viewed by the intruder.

“We have a number of peo­ple who work in the develop­ment office trained to talk with the people who could potentially have been affect­ed,” Crnkovich said.

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the discourteous behavior of Notre Dame students and points out what student body president Dave Baron called "contradictory" elements of the ordinance.

"The resolution ... recognizes the space between the community as a whole and the student body [and] recognizes that there are issues we need to deal with," Guzman said. "We can take a proactive role."

The resolution said the Public Nuisance Ordinance should be amended so it could be consistent with its original intent — that eviction proceedings take place only after an initial "Notice to Abate" letter fails to change the behavior of the admonished tenant.

Bacon and Guzman's intention for the resolution was to go in front of the city — and strikethroughs were made to realize that specific goal at Monday's COR meeting.

Bacon suggested the resolution be brought up at the Feb. 27 South Bend Common Council meeting by COR representatives, who will seek — by virtue of Council practices and policies — have three minutes to speak freely at meeting's conclusion.

The central goals of a Notre Dame presence are to "talk about eviction proceedings as a defense provision" and "increase the scope of" the University's community participation, Baron said.

"My hope is that it will [pose] our position in a light they haven't seen before," he said.

Members said speakers at the event should present coherent arguments instead of being redundant. Additionally, members agreed it would be best to approach the meeting with professionalism and tact.

"It is not my intention to spring this on [the council]," Baron said. "I'd like to tell them we're going to come and talk about this on a particular day ... It's prudent and course-out to let them know. I think it's our duty to go and present our case."

Members agreed there should be more permanent Notre Dame representation and participation at future Council meetings — an aspiration that might be achieved by student liaisons.

Bacon said the issue of off-campus break-ins was also paramount in the struggle to ameliorate Notre Dame's relationship with the South Bend community.

"The mayor's office has approached me and showed signs of its affinity for helping students out," he said. "They want to do something proactive."

But members agreed students must first take the initiative to protect themselves.

Guzman presented two measures that might prevent crimes occurring at student homes off-campus. Project MARC enables students to enter valuables into a South Bend Police Department (SBPD) database so they might be returned following a theft. Students can also partake in the SBPD-run neighborhood watch program led by captains within their respective neighborhoods.

Members lauded the solutions but grappled with how to encourage students to partic-

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia accuses Britain of spying

MOSCOW — Russia's main intelligence agency on Monday accused four British diplomats of spying — using electronic equipment hidden inside a fake rock in a park — as well as funneling funds to non-governmental organizations.

The announcement came a day after state television channel Rossiya broadcast footage purportedly showing four British Embassy staff using electronic equipment concealed in the rock in Moscow to receive intelligence from British agents.

A prominent rights activist warned the accusations could be used as a pretext to expand the list of so-called "socially significant" groups that are critical of the Kremlin.

Berger Ignatowicz, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, said the situation would be "an episode of a political singularity." The FSB-Novosti news agency reported, an apparent indication that the Russian government could expel the diplomats.

Derailed passenger train kills dozens

RIO DE JANEIRO — A packed passenger train derailed Monday and plowed into a river canyon outside the Montenegro capital, killing at least 39 people, the government said.

More than 135 people were injured in the late-afternoon crash, among the deadliest European train accidents of the past quarter century.

The train, which carried dozens of children returning home from a ski vacation, derailed near Bove, a village about nine miles north of Porto Alegre as it emerged from a tunnel above the Moraza River, police said.

NATIONAL NEWS

FDA to consider new obesity pill

WASHINGTON — Fat Americans may be just months away from gaining a new ally in the battle of the bulge.

The fat-blocking pill, already named Alli, is meant to help dieters shave pounds as part of an overall diet and exercise program.

A panel of experts voted 11-3 late Monday to recommend that the Food and Drug Administration approve the drug for sale. The pill is formally called orlistat and is already available for sale in prescription form as Xenical.

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Bush defends domestic spying

President clarifies plan, terming it a 'terrorist surveillance program'

Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — President Bush pushed back Monday at critics of his once-secret domestic spying effort, saying it should be considered as a "terrorist surveillance program" and contending it has the backing of legal experts, key lawmakers and the Supreme Court.

Several members of Congress from both parties have questioned whether the warrantless snooping is legal. That is because it bypasses a special federal court that, by law, must authorize eavesdropping on Americans and because the president provided limited notification to only a few lawmakers.

"It's amazing that people say to me, 'Well, he's just breaking the law,' " Bush said. "I wanted to break the law. Why was I briefing Congress?" asked Bush. "He didn't want to break the law."

Several months away from gaining a foothold on the Nason market, Bush said at the 142nd Landon Lecture series.

Bush remarked were part of an aggressive administration campaign to define the terrorist-war-on-terrorism program as a crucial and legal terror-fighting tool. The White House is trying to sell side of the story before the Senate Judiciary Committee opens hearings on it in coming weeks.

Back in Washington, Gen. Michael Hayden, the former National Security Agency director who is now the government's No. 2 intelligence official, condoned the surveillance was "necessary for national security." He acknowledged that the program established a lower legal standard to eavesdrop on terror-related communications than a surveillance law implemented in 1978.

Under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, government officials had to prove to a secretive intelligence court that there was "probable cause" to believe that a person was tied to terrorism.

Bush's program allows senior NSA officials to approve surveillance when there was "reason to believe" the call may involve al-Qaida and its affiliates.

Hayden maintained that the work was within the law. "The constitutional standard is reasonable. ... It is reasonable, and I am convinced that we are lawful because what it is we are doing is reasonable," he said at the National Press Club.

Bush also rejected suggestions that the NSA rank-and-file had problems with the electronic monitoring, saying that the agency's independent watchdog told him Friday that "not a single employee" had registered a concern with that office about the program.

Democrats countered that many important questions remain.

"We can be strong and operate under the rule of law," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "These are not mutually exclusive principles — they are the principles upon which our nation was founded."

In his remarks, Bush said that allowing the NSA to monitor the international phone calls and e-mails of Americans without suspicion of ties to terrorists could hardly be considered "domestic spying."

"It's what I would call a terrorist surveillance program," Bush said at the Kansas State. "If they're making a phone call in the United States, it seems like to me we want to know why."

He said he "had all kinds of lawyers review the process" to ensure it didn't violate civil liberties or the law.

And he insisted that a recent Supreme Court decision backs his contention that he had the authority to order the program through a resolution Congress passed after the 9/11 terrorist attacks that lets him use force in the anti-terror fight.

"I'm not a lawyer, but I can tell you what it means: It means Congress gave me the authority to use necessary force to protect the American people, but it didn't prescribe the tactics," Bush said.

LOCAL NEWS

Death row prisoner to die Friday

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana parole board voted unanimously Monday to recommend arrest for the de facto ruler of the ruling family, a lawmaker who said Monday — raising the prospect for the prime minister and longtime de facto ruler to take the reins of power.

Bush is facing an unprecedented public quarrel within the ruling family over who would lead the country, one of Washington's most steadfast allies in the Middle East and a major oil producer, after the death of its longtime leader.

One faction backed the ailing new emir, Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, and the other — including the Cabinet — supported the prime minister, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

In announcing the abdication deal, lawmaker Nassor al-Sabah told The Associated Press "an agreement has been reached in the family and that Sheik Sabah will sign the abdication papers tomorrow."

It was not known when Sheik Sabah would take the oath as emir.

As prime minister, Sheik Sabah has been running the day-to-day affairs of Kuwait since the longtime ruler, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, suffered a brain hemorrhage in 2001, invaded the country in 1990.

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Associated Press

KUWAIT — Kuwait's ailing emir agreed to abdicate under U.S. pressure, naming his own son as his successor and, in a move that removes the last possible challenge to U.S. control, ending the family's de facto rule.

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Hacker admits using ‘zombie network’

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A 20-year-old hacker admitted Monday to surreptitiously seizing control of hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected computers, using the zombie network to serve pop-up ads and renting it to people who mounted attacks on Web sites and sent out spam.

Jeansson James Ancheta, of Downey, Calif., pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to four felony charges for crimes, including infecting machines at two U.S. military sites that earned him more than $61,000, said federal prosecutor James Aquilina.

Under a plea agreement, which must still be approved by a judge, Ancheta faces up to 6 years in prison and must pay the federal government restitution. He also will forfeit his profits and serve a 1993 BMI. Sentencing is schedule for Feb. 16.

Prosecutors called the case the first to target profits derived from use of "botnets," large numbers of computers that hackers commandeered and marshaled for various nefarious deeds, their owners unaware that parasitic programs have been installed and are being run by remote control.

Botnets are being used increasingly to overwhelm Web sites with streams of data, often by extortionists. They feed off of vulnerabilities in computers that run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system, typically machines whose owners haven't bothered to install security patches.

A November 2005 indictment charged Ancheta with 17 counts of conspiracy, fraud and other crimes connected to a 14-month hacking spree that started in June 2004 and thatbsites say continued even after FBI agents raided his house the following December.

"Part of what's most troubling about those who commit these kinds of offenses is that they think they'll never be caught," said Aquilina, who spent a year investigating Ancheta and several of Ancheta's associates who remain uncharged co-conspirators.

Ancheta's attorney, federal public defender Greg Wesly, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Ancheta has been in federal custody since his November indictment. He previously worked at an Internet cafe owned by a relative and had hoped to join the military last year. He was released in November's 52-page indictment.

The guilty plea comes less than a week after the FBI released a report that estimates viruses, worms and Trojan horse programs like the ones Ancheta employed cost U.S. organizations about $1.9 billion each year.

November's 52-page indictment, along with papers filed last week, offer an unusually detailed portrait of the hackers' operations, according to his aunt, Sharon Gregoriu. Court documents suggested by the feds include: lists of suspects, private phone records have law­ enforcement officials and federal regulators moving to try to halt the prac­tice of "pretexting" in which a person's phone records are obtained for various illegitimate purposes.

Congress to combat phone record selling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disclosures that companies are selling private phone records to law­ enforcers and federal regulators moving to try to halt the practice.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said in a statement Monday that he will work with the head of the Senate Commerce Committee, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, on a bill to criminalize the practice.

"I applaud the action of ancheting a customer's cell phone records and selling them over the Internet is wrong and must be stopped," Frist said. "Consumers have a right to expect that this information will be kept private, with very limited exceptions."

Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Bill Nelson, D-Fla., have also introduced a bill outlawing the practice. Similar house legisla­tion is being proposed.

The companies that offer people their records can get the information a few different ways, but the method is called "pretexting," in which data brokers or those working for them sell a phone company pretending to be a customer and persuade it to release the information.

"Pretexting for financial data is illegal, but there's no specific law against pretexting for phone records. The data brokers also can use pretexting to force phone companies to get the records," the Federal Communications Commission is investigating the online data brokers. The agency has subpoenaed DataFind.com and Locatecell.com for information on how they obtain the phone records. A follow-up letter sent last week gave the Web sites a week to comply before facing fines of up to $1,000 per day for each day they are in violation of the citation.

An attorney for Locatecell.com, which is run by a Florida-based company called 1st Source Information Specialists, did not return sev­eral phone calls on Tuesday.

A company official with DataFind.org in Tennessee had an unpublished phone number and was not reachable.

Experts say the breadth of information one could glean from a person's phone records is alarming.

"It's everyone your teenager called from home, who is dating whom, contacts with reporters for politicians," said Peter Swire, a law professor at Ohio State University and former Clinton administration privacy official.

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Students at Notre Dame

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

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### Ford presents restructuring plan

Auto company president Mark Fields aims to restore overall profitability

Ford Motor Company announced Monday plans to cut 30,000 jobs and close 14 factories by 2017, including Windsor Assembly Plant in Wixom, Mich., to restore overall profitability. Fields said the plan will reduce costs and increase profitability, but would not say where the plant will be located.

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specific timetable for his final decision or to predict how broad his eventual policy on the events will be. "I don't want to speculate on how much it will cover and how much it won't cover - we'll just listen to responses and see what the best decision is," he said. "I want to give people a chance to respond, and I think that will take six to eight weeks just to give them plenty of time. I'd be nice to have some sort of resolution this semester, but I'm not going to commit myself to a definite timetable.

While the permanent fates of both "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival will not be determined until Jenkins has heard and examined the opinions of various constituencies on campus, he said this year's "Monologues" will be held in a classroom setting without ticket sales and the festival will go on under a new name.

Unlike the "Monologues," which Jenkins said he has "difficulty seeing" as "the appropriate means" to the ends of promoting female empowerment and eliminating violence against women, the Queer Film Festival prompted two more specific concerns from the president. Jenkins said the festival's title - which some members of the University community understood as celebrating a homosexual lifestyle - and its content, which some said neglected to include the Catholic position on homosexuality, were his primary concerns, both of which have been resolved through discussions with the Religion, Television and Theatre Departments.

"Both of those have been addressed as I understand it," he said. He declined to specify the exact replacement title for the festival.

Jenkins repeatedly praised "The Vagina Monologues" in his speech for the play's objectives - "the women should be allowed to affirm their own bodies, the gift of their sexuality and their identity as women" - but criticized its attempt to meet them.

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"The Vagina Monologues" will be held in a to-be-determined classroom setting this year and will be open to the University community, Jenkins said. "I'm happy the discussion is open, and I'm sure it will bear good fruit in time."

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Left, associate professor in the Menloza College of Business Margot O'Brien speaks against the Vagina Monologues. Right, a faculty member reads The Observer.

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John Jenkins’ Address to the Faculty

“The Vagina Monologues and Queer Film Festival have raised difficulties because they either are or appear to be at odds with certain fundamental values of a Catholic university. The wide publicity and prominence given such events tends to instrumentalize our collective identity and our higher meaning. The concern here, as I said, is not with censorship, but with sponsorship.”

“The sponsors of the Vagina Monologues have many laudable goals: that women should be aided to affirm their own bodies, the gift of their sexuality, and their identity as women; that we should form communities and a culture that can support this; and, most pressingly, that we work to eliminate violence against women. I pledge myself to work to advance such goals at Notre Dame. I fail to see, however, how the annual performance of the Vagina Monologues is the appropriate means to these ends.”

“I urge everyone to make this a conversation that is characterized by respect for other members of this community, careful listening, thoughtful contributions and argumentation, and an appreciation for the distinctive character of this Catholic university.”

Making such a strong move so early in his presidency.

“Not really a courageous thing, for a new president to put himself out there in such a way that he is open for discussion with the faculty but is at the same time standing for an opinion,” said Daniel Groody, assistant professor of theology. 

Gall Bederman, professor of history, agreed.

“It was an extremely positive thing to do, and certainly not an easy thing to do, getting in front of the faculty who [Jenkins] knows have very strong opinions on these issues, just laying the cards out for folks to engage with,” she said.

Though Bederman said she disagreed with Jenkins’ stance on “The Vagina Monologues” and similar events — saying that to exclude them from the University would “shut down a lot of hard intellectual work” — she fully embraced his open approach to decision-making.

“Authority versus Academics,” this is a huge issue that has been dealt with for quite awhile,” she said. “[Jenkins] has to make the hard decisions, and for him to stand up and say, ‘I’m happy to talk, we can have a forum’ ... I just hope the faculty and students realize what a model this is at what should happen at a university.”

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Above, faculty members listen to Jenkins’ address. Center, Jenkins delivers a speech. Right, philosophy professor Ed Manier fields a question.

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The Jack Abramoff scandal has brought a widespread problem to the forefront of the national news. The man crept so deep into the roots of American government that he faced or faces investigations by the Justice Department, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, the IRS, the Department of the Interior and the FBI. He has already pled guilty to three felony charges and has been connected to numerous members of congress from both parties — most prominently Representative Bob Ney from Ohio. Lavish contributions, personal gifts and exotic trips were bestowed upon prominent politicians of both parties. The blessing of the enormity of his crime is that it brings to light a serious problem in American politics. Abramoff and his client politicians are by no means alone — in the recent few years many other less dramatic, yet equally troubling, scandals and convictions have occurred. The former governor of my home state, Connecticut, John G. Rowland, accepted free work from contractors to improve his weekend cottage and pled guilty to corruption charges on Dec. 24, 2004. For brevity’s sake, I will pass over the numerous other examples of corruption that have come to light within the recent years.

It is not enough merely to decry the sad state of public corruption; rather, a solution must be posited. Complaining about a problem never solves it; one must arrive at a solution if anything is truly to be done. As the influence of wealthy interests has grown to the point that it is deeply entrenched in the current political system, the solution must be made to act as an actual, healthy republic. The lobbyist’s power is so great that the government becomes a republic of interests. Powerful interests help to make and maintain the bonds of our republic being strained to the breaking point. The two major parties cast off their social contracts with the public and begin to exert upon the state via lobbyists.

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The two major political parties cast off ideological beliefs when they appear to be politically damaging and thus run the risk of losing re-election. The recent corruption scandals are indicative of the crumbling ethical foundations that are necessary for the maintenance of a republic. Republicans rely upon the people entrusting statements of their choosing to carry out governance for benefit of the body politic. If the statesmen are not ethical and the people’s trust is misplaced, then the social contract particular to a republic begins to be torn. Contemporary American events show the bonds of our republic being strained and put to the test. This not to say America is in danger of abandoning its representational system, but rather that America is in danger of continuing to function as an actual, healthy republic. The largest danger is presented by the role that large monied interests continue to exert upon the state via lobbyists. Lobbying has evolved to the point where influential powerbrokers funnel enormous sums of money to politicians with the understanding that a quid pro quo will be honored. Timorous politicians, deeply terrified of losing their positions, accept these “campaign contributions” and then proceed to forward the agenda that the particular lobbying group is interested in. The will of the people is bypassed, and government becomes a republic of interests. Powerful interests help to make and break politicians by their contributions; many politicians have decided that their own re-election begins to be threatened if anything is truly to be done.

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Dear Mr. President

To the President of the United States of America

I've recently become aware that you signed an executive order bypassing due process and judicial approval. Whether or not you believe it, you've overslept your wartime president.

You've allowed the four-year colleges to be targets of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to breach our country's constitutional foundations.

Let me explain how you have failed as president.

During your inauguration, you swore to uphold and protect the Constitution of the United States of America. You swore to do this over the Holy Bible. But the media has exposed your latest and most horrific lies and put them before the public eye. Your gross disregard for the Constitution has pulled us hauntingly nearer to a state ruled by a dictator. You said yourself, "Being president would be a lot easier if it were a dictatorship." What a frightening thing for the leader of the free world to say.

You said we went to war in Iraq because of weapons of mass destruction, but you couldn't share the source of this information because that would compromise national security. Some historians say, and our nation marched off to war. When the weapons couldn't be found, your justification evaporated and became a risk to democracy and the free world. You accused him of gassing the Kurds and attacking Kuwait unprovoked, horrible actions that we know Saddam did not commit. We have mentioned that Saddam got those chemical weapons from the United States during and after the Ronald Reagan administration, and apparently got rid of them before your invasion.

Your administration's philosophy is lies and deception. Aleister Crowley said, "Being a liar is the most exciting and interesting thing a man can do." This is precisely what you've said about Saddam because of it, people have died - countless innocent civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 2,000 of our brothers and sisters in the military. I have more respect for these men and women than I ever will for you.

Mr. President, you promised to make the world safer. You promised that you would prevent the "terrorists" and bring democracy and justice to the heathens. You have done just the opposite. You've created terrorism at home, terrorism abroad and an overall rise in religious fundamentalism. Our country has seen the highest national debt in recent history.

Our educational system is becoming too expensive for the people and we've let Americans suffer because of the incompetence of government agencies such as the Federal Management Agency, which you stuffed with unqualified cronies.

Your war in Iraq, the prison abuses, your lies to the American people and your utter incompetence have caught up to you. You have done nothing to make things safer and everything to make our world more dangerous.

You will be remembered in the history books, just as you wished, but not for stunning speeches or epic policy. Instead, you will be remembered as the president whose exit strategy was foiled by a locked door or as the president that did the most damage to our Constitution by failing to protect it.

I have some suggestions. Mr. President, to help solve the problems you've created:

- At home, repeal your authorization for the National Security Agency to eavesdrop on U.S. citizens and the Patriot Act. If you think someone has suspected terrorist connections, follow due process and we will give them the chance for a court to listen to his or her conversation. As you know, you cannot protect your inauguration and protect our freedoms and liberties by defending the world stage.

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Multiple Texas Campuses
The Austin Student

Intelligent design: Fact or fiction?

From the earliest times of recorded history, humanity has been obsessed with its origins. Where did life begin, why and most importantly, how? Various religions sprang up, each with their own creation story. Some of these stories were vastly different from one another; others were remarkably related. The people accepted these stories, as they really had nothing else to go on, and the beliefs were often imposed upon them by their society.

As human civilization grew, so did intellectual pursuits. Creationism religious evolution, divided, united and soon became the religions they are today. However, science itself also grew, rapidly giving itself a name as a source of secular explanation, a way to view the earth without assuming, as the religions did, a higher power. To science, human exploration of the earth was the only method of explanation.

The most infamous of these secular scientists, although he himself was a Christian, was Charles Darwin, whose name has become synonymous with his theory of evolution and natural selection. His idea refuted the basic Christian teaching that God created all beings as they were, are now and will be in the future. However, his theories were basically accepted and taught today with modifications caused by advances in science and further experimentation. Because of this general acceptance, Darwinism is now taught in most high school biology classes.

Recently, though, the Creationists have risen up, as they have in the past, and are protesting the teaching of evolution in the classroom, claiming that it is no more than a theory. They believe their views, more commonly known as intelligent design, should also be taught in schools. There is a problem with this view. First and foremost, creationism and evolution are not competing theories; they have never been and never will be. Intelligent design, the idea that an unknown higher power exists, has no relevance to science. It speaks of the origins of life, not of what happened afterward. Evolution does not regard how the life on this planet came to be, it merely attempts to describe what happened after that. For a scientific theory, evolution is fairly solid, although it has its holes. Then again, even Newton's laws have their holes (they don't hold at the quantum level).

Intelligent design is not science. Karl Popper, the Austrian philosopher, claims that an integral part of scientific hypotheses is their ability to be disproved. There is always a chance remaining that everything we hold to be scientifically true will be thrown out the window tomorrow. That is part of science as a construct of the imperfect human mind.

There is no theory to intelligent design. It cannot be proven or disproved, because it assumes a higher power as an explanation. Belief in this higher power is a matter of faith, and faith is not science.

The truth is, no one can explain the origins of life scientifically. Stephen Hawking, the famous physicist, claimed that at the origin of the universe, all the laws of nature come to a singularity. This is science for "no one has a clue." Does this mean we should stop looking?

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Viewpoint
Learning from movie romance

As January melts away into February, one can't help but think of the chilly conversation hearts, red roses and love—or sugar-induced euphoria that is an upcoming month inevitably brings. Furthermore, with Valentine's Day looming on the horizon, some of us might feel the need to quickly maximize the few of our favorite characters in a form that does not merely consist of the words “Love, Mom.”

However, in an environment where the road to romance is often the same path that leads to EC on the weekends and “dating” does not entail actually going on a date ever, where can Darners turn for guidance? By now, our compulsive inside/NE checks have revealed that romance isn't exactly an integral part of academia. And by turning to parental wisdom, we run the risk of hearing their recount personal tales of “going steady” back in the day…or worse. Instead, seeing as most Hollywood films are synonymous with “happy endings,” we can turn to the seemingly footloose antics of some of our favorite characters in hopes that, by emulating them, we too will be graced with all the love and affections in a romantic relationship.

“Shadow of the Colossus” is a series of video game boss battles. Before every boss, the player is given a general direction in which to travel. The digital avatar then travels through the landscape, navigating cliffs and valleys on horseback, before confronting the boss. The player is never completely certain what is going on. All that is known is a girl is possibly dying, or may be already dead. The protagonist takes the girl to an isolated temple, where a disembodied voice promises to restore her if the colossus is slain. Who the girl is, or the protagonist’s role, is never explained. Why the world is so empty is also never explained. It is simple, but within that simplicity that an awe-inspiring cinematic genius is found.

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Offers players the chance to roam a large fantasy world.

Groovy dance-fest

Entertaining when played in a group, so this new mode may not find much use. However, for those lonely nights, this added competitive mode may add a better spark to the game. An updated mode to the game is the digital avatar. This character is chosen when the player starts the game and will dance on-screen as the player plays through the songs. The avatars do not show up for every song, and their inclusion is purely cosmetic. However, there are several from which to choose, half of which are initially locked.

Playing through the game and accumulating points is the only way to unlock them. "Dance Dance Revolution Extreme 2" is a solid addition to the already large library of games bearing the name. There are not too many new additions to the game, but that's not where the main draw for the game lies. The core gameplay has remained intact, and with the added new songs, this game should find space in any gamer's library.

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Battle of the Bands a success

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Scene Critic

Music fans rocked out Saturday at Saint Mary's first ever Battle of the Bands competition. A crowd of approximately 50 people gathered at the College's student center to listen to four bands and two solo artists, all Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students.

The performers were competing to open for the nationally-touring group Phantom Planet when they play at "SMT Total" this spring. The winner also received 24 hours studio recording time.

Emo-rock band Somersault opened the show and was well received by the crowd as they performed three original songs. Their music got everyone out of their seats and gathered around the stage.

Following Somersault was solo artist Robbie Hazen. Hazen really worked the crowd, performing five cover songs while asking the audience to sing along if they knew the words. He also sang three original songs and infused humor into his set, making fun of his roommate with one of his songs, which the crowd seemed to really enjoy.

Slap Bracelet Suicide, the self-proclaimed "only metal band at Notre Dame" took the stage next, treating the crowd to non-stop music with great beats. The audience really got into their set, dancing and yelling for the performers.

I liked how Slap Bracelet Suicide interacted with the crowd," stated audience member Lindsey Appelquist. "They were different from the Notre Dame norm, which was a welcome contrast."

The crowd seemed to dwindle after intermission, though they missed another crowd favorite, two-man group Hyde. At the beginning of the four-song set, people were still trickling back into the concert, though after the first song Hyde played, most were riveted. "The lyrics were original and seemed heartfelt," stated student Deirdre Hayden. "The piano was a nice touch too."

While Slap Bracelet Suicide got a heavy amount of praise when they were announced, it seemed as though Hyde won the crowd over by the end of their set with their Subarund sounds.

The second to last performer, Ryan Connaughton, also played cover songs. He got everyone singing when he played his acoustic version of the popular Fall Out Boy Song "Sugar We're Going Down." He had an interesting voice and kept the attention of the crowd throughout all five of his songs.

The final performer of the evening was the group Speedplay, which brought the energy of the show back up to its finale. They had to think fast when their guitarist's string broke at the end of the first song, but they held on to the crowd throughout.

While all of the bands provided something for all musical tastes, the judges had to choose one to take the top prize. The judges, music producer and sound engineer Ulysses Noriega and the indie-rock band Thornbird, chose Slap Bracelet Suicide for first place. Before announcing the winners, the judges stated that there had been a lot of differentiation between them. However, Francesca Johnson, president of the Class of 2009, clarified later in the evening that the judges said Slap Bracelet Suicide showed a lot of creativity for that particular type of music.

As the performers from Saturday received studio time, and Robbie Hazen, who came in second place, also won a Thursday spot at Legends.

The disagreement over the winner did not just stay between the judges. "Hyde was poorly placed because they had original lyrics, which was mesmerizing," said audience member Valerie Paterson. The Battle of the Bands raised money to benefit Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. It was the first of the fundraisers planned by the freshman board to raise money for this cause, which will culminate in the Dance Marathon in April.

"We're still looking for dancers," Johnson added.

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Saint Mary's Spotlight

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The indie-rock group Thornbird made an appearance for Saint Mary's battle of the bands, choosing student band Slap Bracelet Suicide for first place honors.
**NBA**

McGrady stays hot on the road, scores 41 in win

Nuggets extend winning-streak to six games as Anthony pours in 37 against struggling Raptors in 107-101 victory

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy has no idea why Tracy McGrady is so tough on the road.

McGrady scored 41 points, including 14 straight in the fourth quarter, to lead the Rockets to a 97-80 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday night.

He is averging 30.7 points in 18 road games — including 38.0 in the last seven — and 19.1 points in nine at home.

“You can’t explain it,” Van Gundy said after his team improved to 11-13 away from Houston. “He’s the best road player in the league.”

The Bucks trailed 76-75 after Andrew Bogut’s basket with 10:58 left in the fourth quarter when McGrady went on his personal run.

McGrady hit a pair of 3-pointers, a driving 10-footer, a turnaround 17-foot jumper and a driving layup to give the Rockets a 90-75 lead with 5:21 left.

“I’m just in a nice rhythm right now,” McGrady said. “I’m playing with a great deal of confidence.”

Houston stretched the run to 19 straight points after a free throw by Lenny Baxter and two jumpers by who else, McGrady. He was pulled with 12:29 left, and the Bucks ended the 9-minute drought with a free throw by Jermaine Jackson.

Milwaukee missed 17 consecutive shots. “You can deal with some of the jump shots he made, he’s been making them all season,” Bucks guard Mo Williams said. “But he kept making daggers, daggers here and a dagger there. At the same time, we were digging ourselves in a hole by not making shots.”

**Nuggets 107, Raptors 101**

Eighty-one points it was not. Carmelo Anthony’s 37 were enough to lead the Denver Nuggets to their sixth straight win, this one over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

The Nuggets were still smarting a day after surrendering 14 of 16 shots from the floor in a 97-80 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers. But after watching the film in the morning, the Toronto put its embarrassment behind and started hitting their shots and took control.

But in the third quarter, the Nuggets scored 11 of 18 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Jazz.

Richard Jefferson had 32 points, but the Nets shot a season-low 33 percent, including 2-for-21 from 3-point range. New Jersey’s previous low was 34.7 percent in an 81-69 loss to Memphis on Jan. 13.

The Nets used an 8-0 run to close to 63-56 early in the fourth quarter, but Okur made two crucial jumpers with the shot clock running down in an 11-1 run that put the game away.

**Hawks 104, Pacers 94**

The Atlanta Hawks found themselves in a familiar position early in the third quarter. That’s the unusual part — the Hawks didn’t fold. Instead, they won the game.

Joe Johnson scored 28 points, Tyrone Lue provided an unlikely spark off the bench and the Hawks overcame a 9-point deficit for the victory over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

“We made shots, we milked plays and we just didn’t crack,” Hawks coach Mike Woodson said, “which was really nice to see.”

The Hawks trailed 56-48 at halftime, and the Pacers twice stretched the lead to 11 in the opening minutes of the third quarter. Considering the Hawks have the worst record in the league and were coming off two blowout losses at home, another defeat seemed likely.

But Atlanta surged in front for the second time prior to the period. Lue helped turn things around after missing four games with a sore back.

The Hawks were down 61-50 when the diminutive guard checked in off the bench to key a 16-5 run. Lue made a 3-pointer, hit a couple of free throws and came up with a steal that set up Al Harrington’s dunk.

**Celtics 91, Hornets 78**

After the Celtics had a sluggish first half, Ricky Davis decided to take over.

Davis scored 17 of his 32 points in the third quarter to help Boston beat the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

“We said at halftime we’re going to pick it up in the second half, and that’s what we did,” Boston forward Paul Pierce said.

Neither team played well in the opening half, missing a number of easy shots and turning the ball over carelessly just as the Celtics started hitting their shots and took control.

Davis said, “I think both teams settled into ‘this isn’t our night mode’.”

Boston coach Doc Rivers said, “Offensively, defensively, effort wise. I just didn’t think we came out with any passion tonight, for whatever reason.”

Rafael Laffrentz added 18 points and Pierce had 16 and nine rebounds for the Celtics, who have won six of their last eight home games.

Behind the outside shooting of Laffrentz, the Celtics used a 17-7 run to take a 63-51 lead midway into the third quarter. Laffrentz hit three 3-pointers, 2:56 span and closed the spurt with another jumper.

“We tried to make rotations and stops on Ricky Davis, but once he got going we couldn’t stop him,” David West, who scored 19 of his team-high 21 points in the first half.

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**Buffalo chooses Jauron to coach Bills in 2006**

Dick Jauron speaks at a press conference Monday announcing his hiring as head coach of the Buffalo Bills.

Jauron had a 35-46 record in his only other NFL head coaching position, a five year stint with the Bears.

**In Brief**

**Bulls fan will not sue Davis, wife for incident in stands**

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls fan whose confrontation with Antonio Davis’ wife led the Knicks forward to rush into the stands will not sue the player and his family.

In a joint statement released Monday, Michael Axelrod and the Davises said: “It’s clear that the episode at the United Center last week, and its aftermath, evolved from some misunderstandings. This has produced regrets from all parties involved. Common sense strongly suggests that we collectively put this episode behind us and move on. That’s what the Davises and Michael Axelrod plan to do, and we hope everyone else will, as well.”

Axelrod’s attorney, Jay Paul Deratany, said in a telephone interview that “both sides expressed regret for any miscommunication that occurred. Both parties want to move forward — with being a fan and watching the game and being a ballplayer. They’ve expressed their regret and that’s good enough for the family. And we’re satisfied with the resolution.”

**NCAA to release RPI ratings for first time to public**

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA men’s and women’s basketball tournament committees will begin releasing the Ratings Percentage Index on their Web site beginning next week.

It marks the first time the NCAA will publicly release the RPI ratings, which are used to help select the postseason tournament fields. Updated rankings can be found at http://www.ncaasports.com.

**Toyota will join NASCAR, Busch Series in 2007**

CONCORD, N.C. — Toyota is planning to move up to NASCAR’s top two stock car series and not everybody is happy about it.

The Japanese automaker, which has competed in NASCAR’s Craftsman Truck Series the past two seasons, announced Monday it will also run its new Camry brand in both the Nextel Cup and Busch Series in 2007.

NASCAR chairman Brian France gave his blessing to Toyota, telling more than 200 reporters taking part in the first day of the annual preseason media tour "Toyota has proven in the truck series it can be a great partner. NASCAR offered them the best opportunity to build their presence in racing in North America and we’re glad they are here. Toyota will become the first foreign competitor in NASCAR’s top series since Jaguar ran in several races in the 1950s."
Connecticut's Hilton Armstrong, left, knocks away an attempt by Cincinnati's Cedric McGowan on Saturday. The win sent the Huskies, who won 80-76 at Georgetown on Thursday, into the Top 25 for the first time since the preseason poll, before being out for three polls, fell out from 24th after losing to Villanova on Saturday. The win got the Huskies to the No. 1 spot, helped by the Huskies' win over the Hoyas, who were the last three undefeated Big East teams in the Top 25, and Big Ten have each done it already.
NFL

Seahawks impress foes with NFC championship win

Associated Press

Seattle — Two teams rampaged through the playoffs, setting up the way the Seahawks did this season, only to be confronted by an underdog in the NFC championship game, anything,” answered up with any imaginable scenario.

Usually, it takes an offensive star at his peak, a fierce defense and a coaching staff with experience for a team to take the NFL’s biggest prize.

The Seahawks have all that.

Forget that they are 3½ point underdogs, hardly surprising considering the NFC is the stronger conference and the Pittsburgh Steelers are on an amazing run. What’s Seattle and Russell Wilson doing with their way in from a sixth seed to the Super Bowl.

And, that’s the team from the Pacific Northwest somehow managed to stay out of the spotlight despite a 13-3 regular season and, now, a 0-0 home record.

But as the Steelers well know, their opponent in Denver on Feb. 5 is very formidable.

“None of us is going to give us anything,” tight end Jeramy Stevens said after the 34-14 win over Carolina, a game Seattle so dominated that the Panthers couldn’t even come up with any excuses for being routed. “We did everything right in the past.”

But what they are doing in the present is what makes the Seahawks such a formidable team.

The present is what makes champions.

First, the Seahawks have the NFL Most Valuable Player, quarterback Russell Wilson.

After a league record with 28 touchdowns and tapping the rushing charts, Alexander missed must of the second-round of the playoffs over Washington with a concussion. He returned to the ball 34 times for a club-record 132 yards and scored twice against Carolina.

Alexander is Seattle’s offensive standby, much the same way Emmitt Smith was for Dallas and Terrell Davis was for Denver. There are flashes of brilliance around him, but he’s the focal point.

“He’s not the type of player that just wallows or lays down,” All-Pro fullback Marshawn Lynch said of his backfield partner. “He comes out to compete and that’s the reason he’s the MVP. He comes out and put MVP numbers on the field.”

Then there is a defense with a pass rush that can rattle anybody. Jake Delhomme had never struggled in a postseason game, but he was overmatched Sunday. Sacked only twice, Delhomme felt pressure on nearly every pass play. He was intercepted three times more than in his previous six playoff appearances — and, while the oft-maligned Seahawks secondary played well, it was the work up front that made the difference.

“Seattle is a very admirable team,” said All-Pro receiver Steve Smith, who was shut down in the title game after sensational performances in first two weeks of the playoffs.

“They’re very experienced. Everything that team did today was superb.”

The Seahawks were prepared for everything Carolina could offer, from Delhomme-Smith to Julius Peppers and a dangerous defensive line to the ballhawking of cornerbacks Ken Lucas, a former teammate. Credit Holmgren and his staff for that.

Holmgren struggled early in his tenure in Seattle after winning one Super Bowl in Green Bay and losing another. But the ups and downs with the Seahawks, including losing some of his front-office control, never scared him in the wrong direction.

Nordtvedt left Super Bowl losses the last two years, first at the Giants in overtime, then at home to St. Louis. Holmgren needed out some problem players after the 2004 season, and felt far more comfortable with the roster this season.

Still, you have to get everyone to perform, and he’s done a wonderful job of it.

“Overseeing two things happen,” Holmgren explained. “You have players who won’t or can’t buy in, or you have guys with problems.”

OLYMPICS

Arbitrator finds no proof Nardiello harassed team

Associated Press

U.S. skeleton coach Tim Nordtvedt should be reinstated, an arbitrator ruled Monday, overturning his suspension last month on allegations he sexually harassed two members of his team.

Still unclear was whether Nordtvedt would be allowed to coach at the Turin Olympics, a decision that now rests with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The USOC has until Jan. 30 to decide.

The arbitrator found no evidence to support a credible sexual harassment claim, according to a person with direct knowledge of the ruling who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the matter’s sensitive nature.

The U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation’s board of directors will decide whether Nordtvedt will be allowed to rejoind the team in time for the season’s final World Cup race in Whistler, British Columbia, on Thursday and Friday. The USBSF was scheduled to meet Monday night.

“I hope it ends then,” USBSF president Jim Shea Sr. said. “We’ll see what happens after we get a sense of the board.”

The ruling came hours after top American skeleton racer Zach Lund learned he would be allowed to compete at the Olympics. Lund was given a warning by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Monday following a failed drug test — but because he wasn’t suspended, the USOC will credential Lund for the games.

He was suspended Dec. 31 after longtime skeleton team member Felicia Gaelfke wrote the USBSF’s board of directors alleging that Nordtvedt tried to kiss her, touch her inappropriately and made comments of a sexual nature to her and other female athletes.

Her claims, combined with a letter written by Marsha Gale — the mother of 2002 Olympic gold medalist Tristan Gale — prompted the board to suspend Nordtvedt. Marsha Gale wrote that Nordtvedt also made inappropriate comments and commented on Nardiello’s relationship with a competitor from New Zealand was unprofessional.

Nardiello also was accused of misuse of funds accessing questions to Salt Lake City attorney Mark Gaylord, who is representing six people who filed grievances against Nardiello.

Gaylord declined immediate comment, saying he wanted to wait to see what the board did in its meeting Monday night first.

Nardiello and several members of the U.S. national team have said the claims were brought because Felicia Canfield and Tristan Gale did not make this year’s Olympic team.

The federation has been through hell these last few weeks,” Lund said. “We need to get past all this and start to think only about the Olympics for a little while.”
Chamberlain’s 100 remains the highest NBA total ... for now?

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wilt Chamberlain’s record 100-point game seemed unreachable from the time he accomplished the feat nearly 44 years ago.

Perhaps not.

Maybe Kobe Bryant can do it.

"I guess it’s possible. I don’t know, bro." It’s unthinkable," the Los Angeles Lakers’ star said.

So was 81. At least before Sunday night.

But Bryant, so often unstoppable, was better than ever against the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden, scoring 28 of his team’s 31 points in the fourth quarter to reach the second-highest single-game total in NBA history.

Indeed, it did as Bryant recorded just the 10th game ever of at least 80 points.

Chamberlain scored 59 in the second half in his big game — the only player with more points in a half than Bryant’s 55 after halftime in this game.

In the second half, it was Bryant 55, Toronto 42.

"He couldn’t have stopped tonight," Raptors guard Mike James said. "He basically beat us by himself."

Chamberlain’s second-highest total was 78 against the Lakers in three overtimes on Dec. 8, 1961. That drops to No. 3 on the all-time list.

Next are the 73 points scored twice by Chamberlain in 1962 and once by Denver’s David Thompson in 1978.

The only other players to reach 70 were former Lakers star Elgin Baylor, who scored 71 points in November 1960, and David Robinson, who also scored 71 for San Antonio in April 1994. Chamberlain scored 76 in 1963. Bryant broke Baylor’s franchise record with 425 remaining on a 14-footer.

"Scoring 81 points is a truly amazing accomplishment," Baylor, general manager of the Clippers, said in a statement. "Of course, the most important thing is that his effort contributed to a victory for his team."

MLB

New Reds owner fires GM O’Brien after only two seasons

Castellini says team’s performance did not influence his decision

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — General manager Dan O’Brien was fired Monday by new owner Bob Castellini, who took control of the team.

O’Brien was entering his third season as general manager and had a year to go on his contract.

He and his team are coming off their fifth consecutive losing season, their longest such streak in 50 years.

Castellini said he was leaning toward changing general managers when major league owners approved the Reds’ sale last Tuesday. He met with O’Brien on Monday and told him he wanted to bring in his own baseball executive.

"There is no criticism of Dan," Castellini said. "I just needed my own person."

Even then the club was changing owners. O’Brien didn’t expect to get fired.

"I think the club was evaluating what it’s new ownership’s prerogative to make changes and hire new people ... I was somewhat surprised by the move. It’s not something that was in my mind 24 hours ago."

Castellini expects to interview between six and eight candidates during the next three or four weeks. Reds pitchers and catchers report to spring training in Sarasota, Fla., on Feb. 16.

It’s not uncommon for new owners to change general managers so early in the season, but it’s rare to do so at this stage of the season.

New owners traditionally fired Dan O’Brien after sacking spring training 2002. Omar Minaya became Montreal’s general manager three days before the team reported for camp that year, after the commissioner’s office took over the team. That move prompted Larry Beinfest to leave and become Florida’s general manager.

Castellini began reorganizing the Reds’ front office a day after the sale was approved. He put chief operating officer John Allen in charge of business operations, with the general manager reporting to Castellini.

Castellini had just purchased the Clippers, a far safer owner than Castellini, the general manager reported to Allen.

It was an afterthought when Castellini was in charge of business operations.

"He’s not part of my thinking," Castellini said of new general manager Jerry Narron.

Baseball operations director Brad Kullman will serve as interim general manager until a replacement is picked. Kullman told Castellini he would like the club to work on trades, which O’Brien failed to produce pitchers during his tenure.

The Reds have been in turmoil since the Great American Ball Park in 2003. General manager Jim Bowden and manager Bobby Valentine were fired midway through the season.

Kullman will have the freedom to work on trades, which would be approved by Castellini. For example, Castellini said team has shown an interest in outfielder Austin Kearns, but hasn’t offered what the Reds want in return.

"So I wouldn’t be surprised if in the next week, we try to do something," Kullman said.

"Whether it’s possible or not, I don’t know."

The Reds also have two pending arbitration cases — with Adam Dunn and All-Star shortstop Felipe Lopez.

"Lou’s goal was to rebuild a farm system that had failed to produce pitchers during Bowden’s tenure. During his two years in Cincinnati, O’Brien restructured the minor league system and imposed pitch limits on a trend of prospects getting hurt."

O’Brien’s biggest acquisition was left-hander Eric Milton, who made $8 million last season while giving up a club-record 40 homers and has two years left on his contract.

O’Brien also traded popular first baseman Sean Casey to Pittsburgh last month.

Castellini said the change wasn’t made because of anything O’Brien did.
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Hingis reaches Australian Open quarterfinals

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Martina Hingis' comeback has gone so smoothly that she's in the Australian Open quarterfinals following a three-year layoff.

Back on the tour for just three weeks, the three-time Australian Open champion advanced Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (8) victory over Samantha Stosur 6-1, 7-6 (8) and will face second-seeded Kim Clijsters. Hingis needed four match points to beat Stosur. The five-time Grand Slam winner, who dropped off the tour because of ankle, heel and foot injuries, returned to competitive tennis Jan. 2 and hasn't lost a set in this tournament.

"I started off very well, I knew that I had to be right there from the start — we both were probably very nervous," Hingis said. "I didn't give her any momentum." On the men's side, top-ranked Roger Federer overcame an uncharacteristic 58 errors in his 6-4, 6-9, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2 fourth-round win over Tommy Haas.

"I was really trying to just break his momentum. Tommy was making it difficult for me to play," Federer said. "To be honest, I like to be pushed like this.

Hingis was in vintage form, working around Stosur with angled volleys, drop shots, pinpoint lobs and a stunning, running forehand crosscourt winner.

But the 25-year-old twice missed chances to serve for the match in the second set and wasting three match points in the tiebreaker before converting on a Stosur error. "I played really well the first I-2 sets," she said. "She was just too good."

Stosur was the last Aussie in the draw and had the partisan crowd on her side. Clusters of people in pink shirts emblazoned with "Smash 'em Sam" and waving inflatable kangaroo chanted for her from the stands.

"I'm very proud of them," Stosur said. "The people have been amazing."

Hingis became a favorite at Melbourne when she won her first Grand Slam title age 16 and won three finals in succession. She lost three in a row from 2000-2002, including a 2002 defeat to Jennifer Capriati when she wasted four match points.

In her absence, Clijsters became known locally as "Aussie Kim" during her engagement to Lleyton Hewitt — which ended last year — and remains popular.

They're two of the six current, or former No. 1-ranked players into the quarterfinals — a record for a Grand Slam tournament. Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 4 Maria Sharapova, No. 8 Jelena Hingis were the others.

Davenport and Hingis-Hardenne meet Tuesday, while 2004 Wimbledon champion Sharapova goes against fellow Australian Samantha Stosur.

After Federer crashed simple overheads into the net in the third and fourth sets, he regained an unwavering calm opening the fifth, when he hit 18 of his 66 winners and cut his errors to six.

Federer was 8-9 in five-set matches, including a 2-6 run from his loss to former No. 2-ranked Haas here in the same round in 2002.

Steelers find themselves in unfamiliar position — favorites

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Uh, oh, those king-of-the-road Pittsburgh Steelers aren't going to like this, not at all.

They are four-point favorites to beat the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Detroit after being underdogs against Indianapolis and Denver in their last two playoff games.

That means the Steelers can no longer recite that nobody's picking us theme that has carried them through seven consecutive victories, all but two away from home. They can no longer say that they're flying under the radar and are being overlooked even as they take down one higher-seeded team after another.

No wonder linebacker Joey Porter, the demonstrative and very confident leader of Pittsburgh's defense, was practically begging oddsmakers to make the NFC champion the favorite following the Steelers' 34-17 AFC championship game victory over Denver on Sunday.

"Nobody's been pickin' us, don't jump on the bandwagon now," Porter said. "People are still crying about the Colts, and their stuff has been over for a week now. So pick them (the Seahawks) so we can keep our edge."

Of course, Porter might not have felt that way if he knew the Steelers are 4-0 when favored to win the Super Bowl, as they were in the 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979 seasons, and 0-1 as underdogs, by 13 ½ points before losing 10 years ago to the Cowboys 27-17 in Tempe, Ariz.

If nothing else, the Steelers' remarkable and unequaled playoff run also has quieted talk that they didn't have enough quality receivers to give Ben Roethlisberger much help when opposing defenses stack the line of scrimmage to shut down the run — as the Colts and Broncos did the last two weeks.

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teams while swimming for the Irish.
This type of performance is almost expected of the Cavadini name by now.
Louis and David Cavadini fall in the middle of seven children, and all their older siblings have attended Notre Dame. Katie Cavadini, who graduated in 2003, swam for four years and cap­tained the team during her senior year.

For David Cavadini, it was not a difficult decision to continue his family's tradition under the Dome.

"We have always been really family oriented, so this has just been taking the next step in following along," he said.
The Lutkus and Bauman fami­lies have also been drawn togeth­er around the swimming pool.

Countless weekend meets and early morning practices have allowed the brothers to bond and help one another.

"I've swum with my brother my whole life," Danny Lutkus said. "It's nice to have him there, to have fam­ily on the team."
The freshmen all feel that having an older brother to show them the ropes has helped a lot in their transition to the collegiate lifestyle and competition. They have responded by stepping up late in the sea­son.

In last weekend's meet with Cleveland State all three placed, Bill Bauman in the 200 backstroke, Danny Lutkus in both the 500 and 1000 freestyle, and David Cavadini finished fourth in the 200 fly.

"In the summer, I had a lot of questions about school and prac­tice and how to suc­ceed here and hav­ing Doug around helped me a lot," Bauman said.
The friendly advice has also trickled down to help the remainder of the freshmen on the team who benefi­ted from their classrooms' knowl­edge.
The close family atmosphere has helped develop strong team chemistry amongst all swimmers this year and is one of the keys to their success so far.

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Club Sports
Men's bowling finishes 38th at Blue and Gold Classic

Special to The Observer

Fifty-eight schools converged on Beacon Bowl this weekend for the eighth Annual Blue and Gold Classic.

As the tournament is desig­nated Tier 1 and is the second largest intercollegiate tourna­ment of the season to date, many of the top ranked teams in the country competed.

After four games, the Irish men were in the middle of the pack when a team slump in the final two games dropped the squad to a 38th place fin­ish among the forty men's squads.

Captain Van Koppersmith rolled a 183 average, including a 221 game, to lead the Irish.
Jim Talamo averaged 163, while his brother Tom finished at 148. Vance McClenton pos­ted a 141 average, and Dan Martin and J.B. Bertumen averaged 160 and 150, respec­tively.

No. 11 Newman University took top honors, followed by No. 14 Morehead State, No. 12 Penn State, second ranked Wichita State, and ninth ranked Purdue in the top five places.

Saginaw Valley State, the nations' No. 1 ranked team, finished sixth, just ahead of Lindenwood, ranked seventh nationally.

In the women's division, the Irish were unable to field an entire squad due to illness, and dropped to lat­est place.
Top ranked Wichita State won the event, followed by fifth ranked Lindenwood. No. 22 Purdue, second ranked Morehead State, No. 14 Newman and No. 15 Ball State. Among the Irish women, Kim L'Vigne had the top average at 136, with a high game of 175.

Allison Klein averaged 130, including a 169 high game, and Mary Bock averaged 120 for the tournament.

The Irish will compete this weekend in the Eagle Classic, hosted by Dayton University.

Skiing

Notre Dame opened the 2006 ski season at Canonsburg, Mich. this weekend. On Saturday, the Irish women placed third in team slalom. Molly Butler, Stephanie Dalton, and Sarah Ravenhorst were the top three finishers for the Irish.
The men's squads finished fourth overall in the slalom. Joel Sharbough had the top time for the Irish, with Brian Hedges and Steve Feutz also expected to score points.

In snowboarding competition, the Irish finished third in both men's and women's events.
Top three finishers for the men were Oliver Short, Eric Halpenny, and Hostetler. Cau Dunne, Dayna Bachant, and Katie Rehegger led the women's squad.

Sunday's giant slalom and snowboarding results, will not be available until Tuesday, when they are released by the US Collegiate Ski Association.
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remaining, Notre Dame managed to make just one field goal the rest of regulation, and only a missed three-pointer at the buzzer by Georgetown's Katie Carlin saved the Irish victory.
McGraw said she has a plan for the Irish to stay on their toes against a top foe.
"I think we just have to stay aggressive," she said. "I think we do need to control the tempo a little bit."
Part of the problem for Notre Dame in controlling the tempo will be Rutgers' versatile lineup.
"We're looking at different combinations to see how we can best match up with Rutgers," McGraw said.
"They're a difficult matchup when you look at the caliber of player that they have both inside and outside."
Sophomore Matee Ajavon is central in the Scarlet Knights' offense, second on Rutgers in assists (3.8) and points (11) per game, while only starting eight of 16 contests.
The only one to top Ajavon in each category is Rutgers top offensive threat, senior guard Cappie Pondexter. Pondexter leads allScarlet Knights with 22 points and 3.9 assists per game.
McGraw said the challenge of facing a team with a player the caliber of Pondexter and ranking so high may benefit the Irish.
"We had a little more confidence going into the DePaul game probably because we weren't expected to win," she said. "When we go into a game when we're the underdogs, we have a great record against top-25 teams."
Notes:
◆ Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy was named Big East player of the week after leading the Irish past DePaul and Georgetown last week. In the game against DePaul, Duffy registered 23 points, 9 assists and 8 rebounds. "She's having just a sensational year," McGraw said. "I think she's the best point guard in America."
Duffy, who co-captained Team USA in the World University Games with Pondexter, was the only Irish player to break double digits in Saturday's win. Duffy had 16 points on 5-for-8 shooting from the field. She finished the week 55-percent from the floor and a perfect 14-of-14 from the free-throw line.
"She's the heart and soul of our team — a great leader for us," McGraw said. "She makes us go." Contact Ken Fowler at k Fowler 1@nd.edu

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Mike Brey said. "From that standpoint the glass is half full, and we have to keep playing if our four losses were by an average of 15 points, I could sing and dance you, but we have some issues. "We're down to game situations, and we just have to be a little bit better."
To swing the season this week, Notre Dame must face Georgetown tonight and Villanova (13-2, 4-1) on Saturday in back-to-back home games. The Hoyas then go on the road Feb. 1 to meet West Virginia, the only undefeated team (20-0) in conference play.
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Notre Dame sits above only DePaul (1-3), who beat the Irish 73-67 on Jan. 7, and South Florida in league standings.
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Irish guard Chris Quinn dribbles before Michigan's Dion Harris on Dec. 3. Players know defense will be a factor against a hot offensive team.
"If you look at their team, they shot 60-some percent against a good Duke defense," Irish point guard Chris Quinn said. "It's definitely something we have to take a look at." Notre Dame is 1-1 at home in Big East play, its lone conference win being a 92-77 victory over Providence Jan. 14.
But the Irish have not played at the Joyce Center since the return of the University's students.
Brey thinks a more normal game atmosphere can only help his team, despite their opponents' strengths.
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Celebrities Born on This Day: Tiffany Thiessen, 31; Richard Dean Anderson, 45; Gail O'Connor, 46; ornaments Hipolito, 41

Happy Birthday: This may turn out to be an emotional year, but only if you haven't taken care of issues that have been hanging over your head for some time. Rid yourself of the burden you have been carrying around with you, once and for all, and you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's time to stop letting negativity consume you. Instead, fight for the positive and you will find yourself in a new headspace. Your sun signs are 3, 14, 28, 32, 8, 41

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't start anything today that will lead to a confrontation with someone you love. You have to keep things light and put your efforts onto you where you want to be headed in the future.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Visiting a friend will lift your spirits and put you down an interesting new path. You have plenty to contribute, and if you do, you will join forces with someone interesting.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Consider your past and the people you have met along the way. Someone from your past may be able to help you, but you must not let him or her take over. Take yourself and stay in control.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Emotional matters may be difficult to deal with today. An older friend or relative may not understand what is going on. Your explanation will help and bring you closer together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Suddenly things regarding your financial situation will surprise you. You can make good decisions regarding your health. The more you do to make improvements, the better you will feel.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Partnerships can be formed, but make sure that you are both on the same page before making any promises. Once you have your plans laid out, nothing will stop you from achieving your goals.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What you think is going on and what is really going on will not coincide. Back up and refrain from voicing your opinion until you have gotten the facts.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is all about love, creativity and getting to the bottom of things. You can test if a friend is the troublemaker in your life if you are patient, determined and direct.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An older relative will appreciate what you do to help out. Your luck is changing, and you may find yourself in a winfall. You may have a chance of heart. Certain it you must, try.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get down to business and let whoever you can about what you are thinking and your ideas. It is not your opportunity to do what's right and set the record straight.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to take better care of yourself. Set a new regime that will help you get back into shape using exercise, proper diet and a healthy lifestyle. Take the initiative to improve.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Love and romance are certainly in the picture, but do so your ability to produce something very creative and unusual. Strive to reach your goals and you will feel satisfied.

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**Sports**

**ND Women's Basketball**

Nerve 'RAC'ing

Team enters hostile Rutgers arena on two-game win streak

By KEN FOWLER

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw knows the No. 21 Irish will have their hands full tonight when they travel to the hostile confines of the Rutgers Athletic Center (RAC) in Piscataway, N.J., to take on the No. 9 Scarlet Knights.

"If you look at our history there, it's always been a tough place to play, and Tuesday won't be an exception," McGraw said Monday in a Big East conference call. Rutgers (13-3 overall, 5-0 Big East) is 6-2 at the RAC against the Irish since joining the Big East and has lost only once there - last week to Temple - since the 2003-04 season.

Notre Dame (12-5, 3-3) barely defeated Georgetown last Saturday in the much different atmosphere of McDonough Arena, where 1,106 fans filled a high school-style gymnasium.

Tonight, the Irish will try to avoid a repeat performance of their second-half near-melt-down against the Hoyas - but in the rowdy RAC.

Ahead by 17 with 10 minutes

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**ND SWIMMING**

Recruits remain in the family

By DAN MURPHY

Three years in a row, the Notre Dame swimming and diving team has landed its best recruiting class in school history. Last year, however, was slightly easier for head recruiter Matt Tallman. Of the eight new freshmen this year, three - Bill Bauman, David Cavandini and Danny Lutkus - join older brothers already swimming for the Irish.

Having experience with the three families helped Tallman with his decision-making.

"Just knowing who they were, they stood above a pack of kids who were at a similar level," Tallman said.

"We went after them since we know their background and how their brothers had improved."

Looking at the track record of Doug Bauman, Jamie Lutkus - both seniors - and junior Louis Cavandini, it is no mystery why Tallman was interested in his younger brothers. Doug Bauman and Jamie Lutkus both own school records in the 100 backstroke and 400 individual medley (IM), respectively.

Louis Cavandini also has been a part of three record-setting relays for the Irish.

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**Football Recruiting**

16-year old Oglesby at top of junior class

Irish plan to sign six senior O-linemen

By MIKE GILLOON

Fifteen of the country's top 100 high school junior linemen are among the players to attend a recruiting Junior Day held by Irish coach Charlie Weis and his staff earlier this month. But according to Mike Frank of Irshies.com, the only junior who has a scholarship offer from Notre Dame was a player who did not even attend the Jan. 14 event - offensive lineman Josh Oglesby.

The 16-year old Oglesby is a 6-foot-7, 325-pound offensive tackle out of Saint Francis High School in St. Francis, Wis. Despite his age, he is one of the top recruits in the nation with offers already from Notre Dame, Ohio State, Tennessee and Michigan, among several others.

The Observer could not reach Oglesby for comment Monday. He was unable to make it to South Bend for the Junior Day (which coincided with the Irish men's basketball team's 92-77 home victory over Providence) but told Irshies.com that he has "not eliminated a school" from his list of potential destinations.

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**Men's Basketball**

Irish host hot Georgetown team tonight

No. 21 Hoyas come to JACC after upset of then-No. 1 Duke

By PAT LEONARD

The Georgetown team entering the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. tonight will look familiar. Its roster is strikingly similar to the one that lost a 76-64 decision to Notre Dame on the same floor last February.

But the No. 21 Hoyas (12-4, 3-2 Big East) are coming off an 87-84 upset win over then-No. 1 Duke (17-1) on Saturday. The Irish (10-6, 1-4), on the other hand, are tied with Louisville and Providence for the third worst record in-conference. And Georgetown's visit means Notre Dame has no time to think about Friday night's buzzer-beater at Marquette.

"The season can swing on one game and one week," Irish coach Mike Brey said.

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**Club Sports**

Irish men's bowling team finishes 38th out of a field of 40 teams at the Spanish Annual Blue and Gold Classic.

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**MLB**

New Red Sox owner Bob Castellini fires CM Dan O'Brien Monday - Castellini's first major change since taking ownership of team.

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**NFL**

Dick Lauro returns as the Bills head coach after Mike Mularkey resigned nearly two weeks ago.

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**Tennis**

Martin Hingis makes the quarterfinals in the Australian Open follow­ing a three-year layoff.